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SUBJECT: BAN ON CATHOLIC BI- WEEKLY GLAS KONCILA, NO. 7

REF: BELGRADE A-855 (NOTAL)

1. CRIMINAL COUNCIL OF ZAGREB REGIONAL COURT ANNOUNCED APRIL 6 THAT GLAS KONCILA NO. 7 APRIL 1 WAS PERMANENTLY BANNED DUE TO NUMBER OF OFFENDING ARTICLES. LISTED WERE 6 ARTICLES WHICH DISCUSSED CHURCH ACTIVITIES IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA, USSR, AND AUSTRALIA, AS WELL AS A PIECE ENTITLED " UNUSUAL COOPERATION OF POPE PAUL VI AND CP ITALY."

2. ACCORDING TO THE COURT, SEVERAL ARTICLES PORTRAYED POSITION OF CHURCH AND FREEDOM OF RELIGION IN " SOCIALIST EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES IN PROVOCATIVE AND TENDENTIOUS MANNER ATTEMPTING TO CREATE A FALSE BELIEF ON THE PART OF THE PUBLIC IN THE UNSUITABILITY OF THE SOCIALIST SYSTEM FOR BELIEVERS AND ON THE NECESSITY OF THEIR GATHERING ABOUT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH AS THE ALLEGED SOLE REPRESENTATIVE OF THEIR RELIGIOUS AND NATIONAL INTERESTS."

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3. COMMENT: AS OFTEN HAPPENS IN YUGOSLAVIA, SUBSCRIBERS, INCLUDING EMBASSY, RECEIVED BANNED ISSUE IN MAIL. WHILE OFFENDING ARTICLES SEEM MILD ENOUGH TO DISPASSIONATE OBSERVER, EASY TO SEE HOW THEY CAME TO ATTENTION OF PUBLIC PROSECUTOR. EMBASSY HAD UNDERSTOOD FROM SOURCE IN THE OFFICE OF THE NUNCIO IN BELGRADE THAT GLAS KONCILA WOULD DELIBERATELY ATTEMPT TO AVOID CONTROVERSY AFTER SECULAR PRESSURE HAD BEEN PLACED ON IT LATE LAST YEAR (REF AIRGRAM), BUT SOURCE ALSO INDICATED THAT HARD LINE OF PARTY AND GOVERNMENT WAS EXPECTED TO CONTINUE.
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